

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the
State of Nevada
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Pollution Control

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Director received an application for renewal of a Class I (Title V) Air Quality Operating Permit No. AP4911-0457.02, FIN A0375 from the following applicant:

Sierra Pacific Power Company D/B/A NV Energy
North Valmy Generating Station
23755 Treaty Hill Road
Valmy, Nevada, 89438

The project is located in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 4 miles north of US Interstate Highway 80 between Winnemucca, Nevada and Battle Mountain, Nevada. The Director has prepared tentative determinations regarding the operating permit that, in brief, include the following processes:

The Valmy facility (Valmy) produces about 500 Megawatts of power. Valmy consists of two coal-fired steam electric generating units plus a variety of auxiliary equipment. The renewal will include a revision. The revision addressed an Operating Permit to Construct that replaced the Ecodyne Cooling Tower with a more efficient SPX Cooling Tower which lowered emissions. Additionally, five baghouses were replaced with two wet extraction units. The boilers are subject to Acid Rain requirements (40 CFR Part 72, Subpart A).

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing her intent to issue the renewal of the Class I (Title V) Air Quality Operating Permit based on a review of the information, as proposed.

Pursuant to NAC 445B.3395.9.(f), the Director is providing this notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed action. The Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, March 27, 2014** in Winnemucca, Nevada at 6:00 pm at the following location:

**Humboldt County Courthouse Room 201
50 W. 5th Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445
(775) 623-6377**

The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be obtained or made available for review at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Pollution Control, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701 by contacting Jennifer Collier in writing at this address, by phone at (775) 687-9551 or by fax at (775) 687-6396. Written comments related to the Class I (Title V) Operating Permit will be received by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at the same address until close of the Public Hearing on **March 27, 2014**.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.